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TIMBER CUTTINGS, 1972 TOTAL AND JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1973

Sawlogs cut in Louisiana for the year 1972 totaled 1,191,341,000 board feet. This amount represents an increase of 7.2 percent over 1971 and 13.2 percent more than the previous five-year average.

For the first two months of 1973 harvesting of sawlogs is running 10.6 percent below a year ago and 5.4 percent lower than the 1967-71 average. This decrease in cuttings is due to heavy rainfalls and flooding conditions throughout the State.

The pulpwood cut of 3,388,000 cords in 1972 was 9.0 percent higher than 1971 and 38.1 percent more than the previous 5-year average.

Pulpwood harvest so far this year is running light but is 4.7 percent above a year ago and 28.0 percent more than the 1967-71 average.

MARKET SUMMARY, FIRST QUARTER, 1973

SAWLOGS. Stumpage prices paid for pine averaged \$75.95 per thousand board feet for the first quarter of this year. This is a 5 percent increase over the previous quarter's average but represents a smaller percentage increase than was recorded during the fourth quarter of last year. Hardwood prices compared with last quarter's averages showed increases ranging from 5 to 20 percent.

POLES. All classes of poles were priced higher this quarter with increases averaging about 20 percent for everything under fifties. All over 50 feet showed a 6 percent increase on the average.

PULPWOOD. Pine pulpwood averaged \$5.00 per cord stumpage and \$20.75 F.O.B. car. These prices represent an increase of about 5 percent over the previous quarter's average.

Wood chips, F.O.B. sawmill, were priced mostly \$7.50-\$8.20 per ton for Pine with an occasional quote higher. Woods run hardwoods ranged from \$6.70 to \$8.00 per ton.

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During the January-March quarter, the following
U.S.D.A. Forest Service Sales for Kisatchie
National Forest were reported:

Specie	MBF <u>1</u> /	Ave. Price/MBF (Dollars)
SYP	19,231	118.23
Mx. Hdwd.	935	21.80

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1/ Scribner-Decimal "C" Rule.

Pulpwood: SYP, 31,049 cords averaging \$6.38
per cord.

Mx. Hdwd. 122 cords averaging
\$2.00 per cord.

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	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	Jan.-Mar. 1973	Previous Quarter	Same Period Year Ago
Pulpwood, Per Cord:	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)
Pine, Stumpage	5.10	5.45	5.35	4.00	1/	5.00	4.75	4.75
Pine, FOB Car	20.85	1/	21.20	1/	20.35	20.75	19.55	19.25
Hardwood, Mixed Stumpage	2.10	2.20	2.10	3.00	2.05	2.25	2.35	1.95
Hardwood, Mixed FOB Car	1/	1/	1/	1/	20.00	19.95	19.00	19.00
Hardwood, Woods Run Stumpage	1.95	1.75	1.95	2.35	1.95	1.95	1.85	1.70
Hardwood, Woods Run FOB Car	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	17.75	17.50	17.10

1/ Insufficient number of quotes to report by area, but included in state average.
2/ Data not comparable.

Correction: Report No. 4, Vol. XVIII - Pulpwood Prices for Area 5 should read for Hardwood, Woods Run, Stumpage \$2.00 instead as reported and for Hardwood, Mixed, Stumpage insufficient number of quotes to report.

Note: The Doyle log scale is basis for board feet measurement of this report.

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RAGE PRICES PAID TO LOUISIANA TIMBER PRODUCERS BY TYPES OF INDUSTRIES, JAN.-MARCH, 1973
WITH COMPARISONS

						<u>STATE AVERAGE</u>		Same	
						Jan.-Mar. 1973	Previous Quarter	Year Ago	
		Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)
(A) Sawlogs (Stumpage)		(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)
Pine	M.Bd.Ft.	79.05	64.00	72.30	84.00	1/	75.95	72.30	61.75
Cypress	"	25.85	34.40	27.50	1/	30.35	30.15	33.90	26.95
Red Oak	"	23.85	30.60	26.20	1/	29.80	27.20	25.35	22.85
White Oak	"	23.95	27.50	27.50	1/	22.50	25.85	23.70	20.60
Sweet Gum	"	23.95	30.60	27.50	1/	29.80	27.20	25.35	23.80
Tupelo Gum	"	22.90	30.85	26.90	1/	28.00	27.15	24.75	23.10
Black Gum	"	25.85	1/	29.15	1/	1/	28.45	23.70	21.50
Willow	"	1/	27.60	28.35	1/	27.15	27.90	24.60	22.70
Ash	"	25.85	40.60	32.50	1/	39.05	36.25	31.05	27.05
Cottonwood	"	1/	31.90	1/	1/	29.80	30.85	28.40	25.05
Mixed Hardwoods	"	25.85	29.40	25.00	1/	28.35	27.55	25.10	24.95
(B) Sawlogs (Delivered)									
Pine	"	109.75	1/	105.95	112.50	1/	105.00	101.20	87.85
Cypress	"	55.00	72.60	61.65	1/	63.50	64.80	63.85	62.95
Red Oak	"	54.15	69.60	57.15	1/	63.00	59.85	57.60	55.55
White Oak	"	53.00	62.60	56.85	1/	53.00	56.70	55.30	53.30
Sweet Gum	"	53.00	69.60	56.85	1/	63.00	59.90	58.80	57.35
Tupelo Gum	"	51.00	71.25	56.15	1/	62.00	59.50	57.95	56.75
Black Gum	"	55.00	62.00	60.00	1/	56.65	59.55	58.50	54.75
Willow	"	1/	67.20	1/	1/	60.00	63.05	61.90	57.15
Ash	"	55.00	76.60	62.50	1/	72.00	68.80	65.90	62.40
Cottonwood	"	1/	70.60	1/	1/	63.00	65.85	63.50	59.60
Mixed Hardwoods	"	55.00	68.60	56.65	1/	61.00	61.65	60.40	59.35
Poles, Barky (FOB Plant or Concentration Point) - Each -									
30-Ft. Class	5.	5.55	1/	5.80	1/	1/	5.95	4.75	4.15
"	6.	5.15	1/	5.20	1/	1/	5.25	4.35	3.65
"	7.	4.40	1/	4.30	1/	1/	4.30	3.60	3.05
35-Ft. Class	4.	11.15	1/	10.60	1/	1/	10.55	9.05	8.25
"	5.	11.05	1/	9.95	1/	1/	10.30	8.75	8.05
"	6.	1/	1/	7.65	1/	1/	7.55	6.20	5.45
"	7.	6.80	1/	5.80	1/	1/	6.30	4.15	3.80
40-Ft. Class	2.	1/	1/	17.25	1/	1/	16.75	13.80	12.55
"	3.	16.30	1/	15.05	1/	1/	15.75	13.10	12.00
"	4.	14.65	1/	13.50	1/	1/	14.05	11.95	11.45
"	5.	13.30	1/	11.85	1/	1/	12.50	10.70	10.10
"	6.	10.95	1/	9.85	1/	1/	10.30	8.85	7.55
45-Ft. Class	2.	19.20	1/	19.30	1/	1/	19.25	16.20	15.10
"	3.	17.85	1/	17.05	1/	1/	18.00	15.35	14.35
"	4.	16.10	1/	15.45	1/	1/	16.30	13.85	13.40
"	5.	14.85	1/	1/	1/	1/	15.00	12.45	11.45
50-Ft. Class	2.	22.55	1/	21.30	1/	1/	21.90	20.35	18.80
"	3.	21.40	1/	20.20	1/	1/	21.90	19.35	18.55
"	4.	18.55	1/	18.20	1/	1/	18.35	16.55	15.25
55-Ft. Class	2.	32.20	1/	32.00	1/	1/	32.05	29.25	26.75
"	3.	29.35	1/	28.25	1/	1/	29.80	27.35	25.75
"	4.	21.80	1/	21.40	1/	1/	21.55	20.95	19.10
60-Ft. Class	2.	41.10	1/	38.45	1/	1/	39.60	38.45	36.35
"	3.	37.60	1/	35.10	1/	1/	36.15	34.70	33.00
65-Ft. Class	2.	56.15	1/	55.95	1/	1/	56.15	51.55	49.10
"	3.	49.70	1/	49.05	1/	1/	49.30	47.15	44.90
70-Ft. Class	2.	63.60	1/	65.00	1/	1/	66.50	62.85	59.70
"	3.	61.20	1/	59.10	1/	1/	60.00	58.15	55.20
75-Ft. Class	2.	89.40	1/	80.75	1/	1/	84.40	78.90	75.40
"	3.	78.80	1/	70.60	1/	1/	74.10	71.05	67.85
80-Ft. Class	2.	106.30	1/	100.25	1/	1/	102.80	97.40	92.60
"	3.	94.50	1/	86.75	1/	1/	90.05	86.05	81.30

